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MAERTENS, et al.

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Serial No. 10/822,711

Group: 1634

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The attached Issue Fee Transmittal does not include the issue fee as the noted fee was paid on May 1, 2006. The Office is requested to apply the issue fee paid on May 1, 2006, toward the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance dated April 26, 2007. Also attached is a copy of the Decision issued by the Office of Petitions mailed to the undersigned on July 6, 2006, stating that the issue fee paid May 1, 2006, may be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
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This is a decision on the petition, filed July 3, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 1, 2006 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1634 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Frances Hicks
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Office of Petitions

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¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission), which includes the following language thereon: "The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee in the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85)."